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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Science and Technology)

ATTENTION : Executive Officer, DD/S&T

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**SUBJECT : DD/I Collection Guidance Staff
(Justification for [] Clearances)**

1. Since the creation in June 1963 in the Office of the DD/I of a Collection Guidance Staff, a considerable number of requests have been received for [] clearances for officers and clerical personnel assigned to that Staff.

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2. In view of the responsibility of the Office of Special Activities, DD/S&T, for concurring in the "need to know" for individuals nominated for O, I, C and A, the Chief, Security Staff, OSA, has had discussions with representatives of the Collection Guidance Staff with regard to the justification for the granting of these [] clearances. Most recently, a discussion was had with [] Alternate BCO/DDI and Special Center with regard to this matter. [] had prepared an excellent breakdown of the structure of the Collection Guidance Staff and personnel assigned thereto. The analysis also reflected the [] clearances of the various individuals in addition to clearances which had been requested, not granted at that time.

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3. Recognizing that the mission of the Collection Guidance Staff requires that certain personnel assigned to that Staff be fully cognizant of all intelligence collection capabilities and it is not desired to restrict the effective functioning of the Staff by the denial of such operational clearances, still the number of clearances granted already and the requests for additional operational clearances causes this Office concern.

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4. The problem here is not unique to OSA since as you will note from the attachment numerous individuals in the CGS have already been granted and many more are also listed as pending. Responsibility for the approval of "need to know" for and for CIA people rests with the DD/S&T.

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5. In order to design a uniform policy for the DD/S&T and also to ensure that the problems of the Collection Guidance Staff receive due consideration, it is suggested that the Executive Officer, DD/S&T, in conjunction with the Security Officer, DD/S&T, may desire to meet with appropriate officials of the Collection Guidance Staff in order to discuss this matter and arrive at an equitable solution. The Chief, Security Staff, OSA, will be available to participate in such a meeting if you so desire.

6. For your consideration, it is suggested that the following questions be posed to the Collection Guidance Staff in support of their justification for these clearances.

a. Why do so many people require the "O" clearance when this Project is far from the operational status?

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b. Why do individuals in the Human Resources Group, CGS, require O, I, C, A, (particularly if they already possess the product clearances which make them aware of the fact that such collection capabilities exist)?

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c. If individuals possess the operational clearance "C", why do they also require "A" and (unless it is because they must be aware of future scheduling)?

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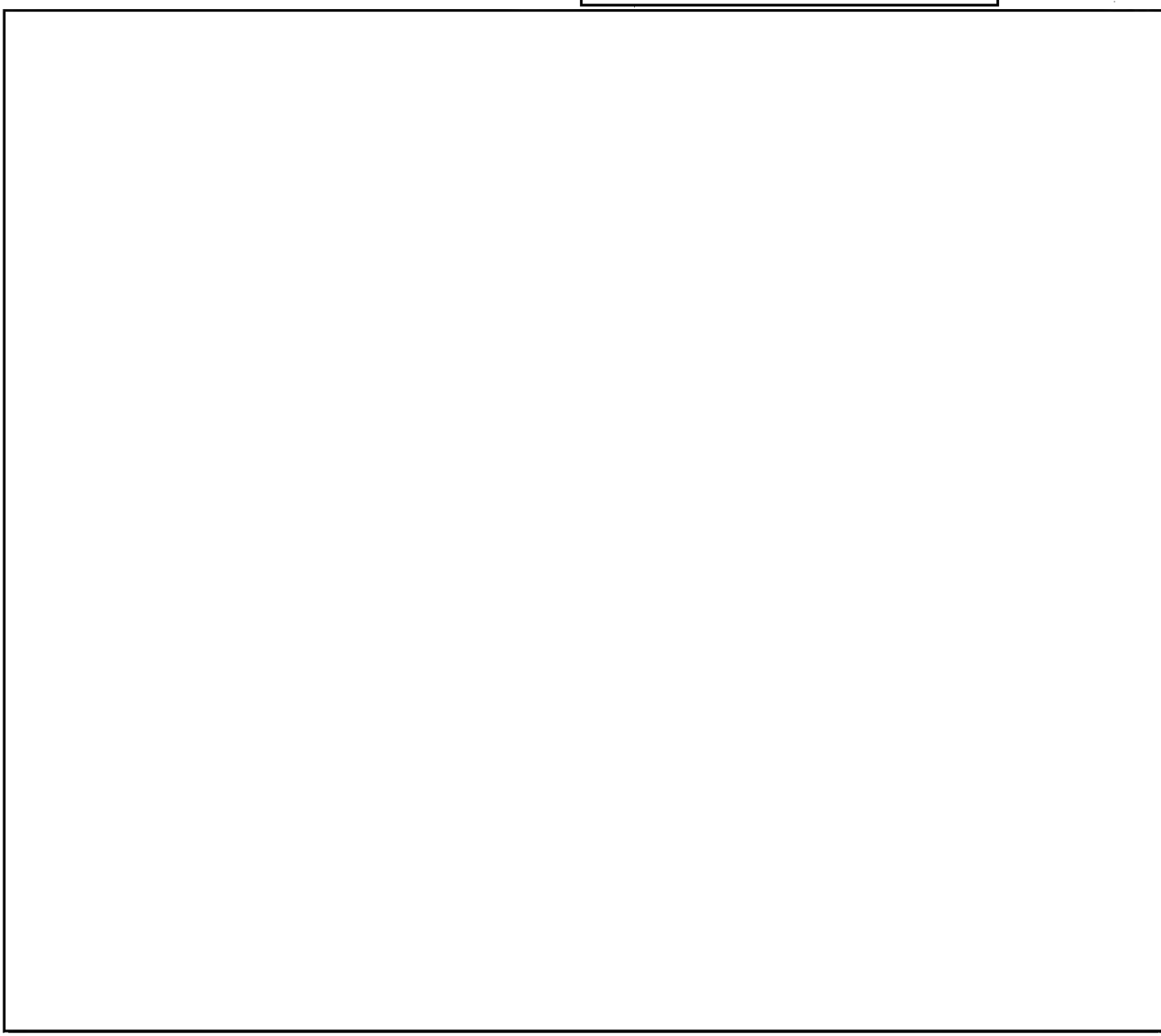
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